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1. JAPAN

NYT CARRIES PROFILE OF EMPEROR HIROHITO.

EMPEROR'S PARTY LEFT TOKYO BY AIR 9/30 FOR US VISIT.

THOUSANDS OF POLICE WERE MOBILIZED TO PREVENT VIOLENT

PROTESTS; REPORTED LEFTWING DEMONSTRATIONS TUESDAY

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MORNING, BUT NO IMMEDIATE REPORTS OF VIOLENCE. EMPEROR

SEEN OFF BY CROWN PRINCE, OTHER IMPERIAL FAMILY MEMBERS,

PM MIKI, AND LEADING GOVT FIGURES. IN BRIEF AIRPORT

FAREWELL, EMPEROR SAID HE HONESTLY HOPED FRIENDLY US-

JAPAN RELATIONS WILL BE DEEPENED THROUGH HIS REUNION WITH PRES FORD AND CONTACTS HE WILL MAKE WITH AMERICANS IN OTHER FIELDS (REUTER TOKYO).

HIROHITO EN ROUTE TO WILLIAMSBURG, VA, AFTER ANCHORAGE REST/REFUELLING STOP OVER OF JUST OVER HOUR; NONE OF PARTY LEFT AIRCRAFT IN ALASKA (REUTER ANCHORAGE).

SUN'S TAKAYAMA, IN TOKYO, REPORTS SUBJECT RECEIVING MOST ATTENTION THERE IS IMPERIAL COUPLE'S SECURITY IN US, ESPECIALLY SINCE RECENT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AGAINST PRES FORD. ADDS THAT ACCORDING IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD AGENCY, NUMBER SECURITY GUARDS ACCOMPANYING IMPERIAL PARTY IS MUCH LARGER THAN THAT OF THEIR EUROPEAN TRIP FOUR YEARS AGO.

NYT CARRIES UPI PHOTO OF RADICAL STUDENTS CLASHING WITH RIOT POLICEMEN DURING RECENT TOKYO DEMONSTRATION AGAINST EMPEROR'S TRIP. CSM, CHITRIB (9/30) CITE RALLIES BY 3,000 TOKYO LEFTISTS SUNDAY. NYT'S HALLORAN, IN TOKYO, REPORTS HEAVY SECURITY MEASURES IN EFFECT FOR HIROHITO'S JAPAN DEPARTURE.

US HAS TAKEN EXTRAORDINARY STEPS TO PROTECT JAPANESE IMPERIAL PARTY DURING THEIR STATE VISIT. MAIN SECURITY CONCERN IS THAT JRA MIGHT TRY ATTACK EMPEROR DURING HIS TRAVELS ACROSS US, OR STAGE ANOTHER EMBASSY RAID DURING VISIT. US EMBASSIES WORLDWIDE ALERTED FOR ANY SUCH ATTACK; OFFICIALS AT ALL US PORTS OF ENTRY CLOSELY CHECKING INCOMING JAPANESE; REPORTERS COVERING TRIP WILL BE RESTRICTED TO DESIGNATED AREAS FAR FROM IMPERIAL COUPLE; ITINERARY IS HUSH-HUSH, NO ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIMES BEING PUBLISHED, ALTERNATE PLANS/ROUTES DEVELOPED (UPI, WSTAR 9/29).

REUTER'S GREGSON, AT WILLIAMSBURG, FINDS SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS THERE STRICT, BUT UNOBSTRUSIVE AND LITTLE UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS DISTURBED CALM OF COLONIAL TOWN'S RUSTIC SETTING. JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS, ARRIVING IN ADVANCE OF EMPEROR, AND USED TO HEAVILY-ARMORED SQUADS OF RIOT POLICE PROTECTING GOVT LEADERS, INCREDULOUSLY ASKED US OFFICIALS MONDAY, "WHERE ARE THE POLICE?"

NYT'S LAURIE JOHNSTON REPORTS PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSN HAS ADOPTED CHARITABLE VIEW OF HIROHITO'S US VISIT; ASSN MEMO PROMISES THEY WILL ABIDE BY "HISTORIC FRIENDLY RELATIONS" BETWEEN US, JAPANESE PEOPLE, NOTES JAPAN REGIME THAT LAUNCHED PEARL HARBOR HAS LONG SINCE DISAPPEARED, "AND WITH IT HAS GONE ANY REASON FOR US" TO BEAR GRUDGE AGAINST JAPANESE PEOPLE.

LAT'S JACOBS (9/28) REPORTS PREPARATIONS FOR EMPEROR'S LOS ANGELES VISIT BY BEA LAVERY, LA MAYOR'S ADMIN COORDINATOR, AND FOR THIS VISIT ACTING AS MAYOR'S PROTOCOL CHIEF.

GROUP OF COMMUNIST-BACKED PRIVATE CITIZENS HAS FILED CRIMINAL FRAUD COMPLAINT AGAINST FORMER PM TANAKA AND FOUR MEMBERS OF COMPANY WITH WHICH HE WAS ASSOCIATED, IN CONNECTION WITH COMPANY'S PURCHASE OF

DRY RIVERBED IN 1964, ACCORDING REUTER.

MIKI SAID MONDAY HE WILL EXERT UTMOST EFFORTS FOR CONCLUSION PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH PRC, IN LINE WITH 1972 JOINT COMMUNIQUE (AFP, WP).

REVERE COPPER AND BRASS INC, CONSORTIUM SIX JAPANESE COMPANIES, DELAY DECISION ON FIRM'S PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED EXPANSION REVERE'S ALUMINUM PRODUCTION FACILITIES (WSJ, NYT).

2. INDOCHINA

PEKING ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE HANOI DELEGATION IN TONES LACKING WARMTH OF FORMER YRS, INDICATING SLIGHT STRAINS AFTER TALKS ON AID. SOME SIGNS PRC CONCERNED OVER INCREASING USSR INFLUENCE IN SEA, ESPECIALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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VN (NYT).

RECENT SVN CURRENCY CONVERSION HAS WIPED OUT WEALTH MANY SVN UPPER, MIDDLE CLASSES (CSM). NOTHING CHANGES FOR POOR, BUT AMONG WEALTHY SENSE OF RESIGNATION, HOPELESSNESS SETS IN. DENUNCIATIONS OF WEALTHY, PRIVILEGED PERSONS, MERCHANTS INCREASES. PLANTS SHORT OF RAW MATERIALS; GOVT CONDUCTS INVENTORIES OF SMALL SHOPKEEPER HOLDINGS; SOME CHINESE MERCHANTS GO TO PRISON FOR "HOARDING AND ROBBING THE PEOPLE.; REVOLUTION HITS URBAN MASSES HARDEST; SOME SAIGON RESIDENTS TALKING OF GOING TO SPARSELY-SETTLED "NEW ECONOMIC AREAS" BEFORE ALL GOOD LAND TAKEN (AP, SUN).

EX-CAPT ACKNOWLEDGES RIPPING-OFF 4.3 MILLION DOLS IN KICKBACK SCHEME WHILE ARVN SPECIAL PETROLEUM-PURCHASING AGENT. BEGINS RESTITUTION WHILE OUT ON BOND BY TURNING OVER VALUABLES, PROPERTY HE HAD STASHED IN HK (AP, SUN).

INDOCHINA RESOURCES CENTER STUDY ATTRIBUTES 15,000 CAMBODIAN DEATHS BY STARVATION, MALNUTRITION BECAUSE US POLICY FAVORED SUSTAINING GKR MIL OVER FOOD RELIEF

FOR REFUGEES. STUDY ALSO CLAIMS EVACUATION OF CAPITAL NOT ATROCITY, BUT IN RESPONSE FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS OF POPULATION, CARRIED OUT AFTER CAREFUL PLANNING FOR PROVISION OF NECESSITIES. DOS OFFICIALS TAKE ISSUE WITH MAIN CONCLUSIONS OF DOCUMENT, SAY WILL HAVE LOOK IT OVER BEFORE COMMENTING ON DETAILS (MORGAN, WP).

OPPONENTS CONDUCT FIRST PROTEST SINCE PL TOOK POWER. SPORADIC GUNFIRE HEARD IN DOWNTOWN VIENTIANE, ARMED

PATROLS INCREASE. DEMONSTRATION OF 4-500 HELD TO DEMAND RELEASE PROMINENT NON-RIGHTIST POLITICIAN BONG SOUVANNAVONG ARRESTED LAST NIGHT, AND TO PROTEST FORCED ATTENDANCE RE-EDUCATION CLASSES. PEACEFUL PROTEST SURPRISING BECAUSE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO OPPOSITION TO PL TAKEOVER, THOUGH UNDERLYING RESENTMENT AT GROWING REGIMENTATION (BUTTERFIELD, NYT).

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KUKRIT STRUGGLES SAVE GOVT AFTER AGRIC MINISTER THREATENS PULL LARGEST PARTY OUT OF CABINET IF DEF MINISTER NOT DISMISSED (WP).

4. CHINA

WSTAR (9/29) CARRIES UPI PHOTO HAK AND CHIAO KUAN-HUA AT INFORMAL DINNER MEETING AT WHICH BEGAN PLANNING PRES' VISIT TO PRC. CAPTION QUOTES OFFICIALS THAT SECSTATE WILL MAKE PRELIMINARY VISIT IN MID-OCT, WITH PRES' VISIT AROUND THANKSGIVING.

PRC RELEASES 65 OF 144 CHINAT AGENTS, GIVES PERMISSION TO RETURN TAIWAN; NOTHING SAID ABOUT REMAINING 79 (AP WP, NYDN, CHITRIB). TAIPEI MUST DECIDE WHETHER ADMIT MEN WHO HAVE OPENLY EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO COMMUNISTS FOR LENIENT TREATMENT, OR FACE CRITICISM FOR KEEPING THEM FROM REJOINING FAMILIES (NYT). PRC MOVE PUTS ROC ON DEFENSIVE, SINCE REFUSAL WILL UNDERCUT REASONS GIVEN FOR REFUSAL ENTRY EARLIER GROUP OF 10 FORMER CHINAT OFFICERS (WU, SUN)

IN UNGA SPEECH FRIDAY, CHIAO KUAN-HUA ATTACKED E-W DETENTE AS FACADE MASKING HEIGHTENED US-USSR RIVALRY THAT THREATENS NEW GLOBAL WAR; ACCUSED SOVIET ATTEMPTING REPLACE US INFLUENCE IN ASIA; ATTACKED US ROLE IN KOREA (SHANNON, LAT 9/27).

IN MOVE CERTAIN INFURIATE MOSCOW, HANOI, PEKING CLAIMS ALMOST ENTIRE S CHINA SEA WHICH VIETS CONSIDER TERRITORIAL WATERS. MOVE MAKES CLEAR PRC GOAL TO

PREVENT USSR USE CAM RANH BAY TO EXTEND POWER TO SEA. DIRECT CLAIM BACKS IMPLICIT CLAIM IN PRC'S MOST RECENTLY PUBLISHED ATLAS. IN PRACTICAL TERMS, ARGUMENT CENTERS ON PARACELS, SPRATLEYS (ELEGANT, LAT 9/28).

CSM'S MUNRO AT PEKING REVIEWS CHINA'S 3RD NATL GAMES, NOTES SLOGAN FRIENDSHIP FIRST, COMPETITION

SECOND" WITH NO ANNOUNCEMENTS INDICATING FINAL STANDINGS
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OF PROVINCIAL, REGIONAL, MUNICIPAL TEAMS. SAYS SOME EVENTS STAGED IN PLACES LIKE FACTORIES TO POPULARIZE SPORTS, EXEMPLIFY MAO'S CALL THAT SPORTS SERVE LABORING PEOPLE.

5. TIMOR

INDO SPOKESMAN SAYS GOI TROOPS FOUGHT TWICE WITH FRETILIN SOLDIERS IN BORDER VILLAGE (CHITRIB). UDT CALLS ON GOI INTERVENE TO END CRISIS; SAYS OTHERWISE SOLUTION MIGHT TAKE MANY YEARS (REUTER NYT, SUN).

6. INDONESIA

FONMIN MALIK WILL SPEAK ON EMERGING POWER BALANCE IN SEA ON WEDS EVENING AT NE ILLINOIS US (CHITRIB).

7. MALAYSIA

PETROLEUM PRICES EXPECTED REMAIN SAME IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE, DESPITE OPEC 10-PCT HIKE. ANY INCREASE WOULD BE BASED ON PERTAMINA PRICE (AP, CHITRIB).

8. PHILIPPINES

HIJACKERS ON JAPANESE SHIP SURRENDER AFTER 90 HRS OF NEGOTIATIONS, SAID ABOARD NAVY SHIP HEADING FOR ZAMBOANGA (WP). MOSLEM REBELS SURRENDERED TO FIL ADMIRAL WHO SAYS NO RANSOM MONEY INVOLVED (CHITRIB), AND REBELS SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY (UPI, NYT).

NYT'S SMITH AT MANILA DESCRIBES NATIONAL SPORT OF COCKFIGHTING AS CONDUCTED IN RUN-DOWN NEIGHBORHOOD.

9. DIEGO GARCIA

SENATE APPROVES MIL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION BILL THAT INCLUDES 13.8 MILLION DOLS FOR DG NAVAL BASE (WP).

10. AUSTRALIA

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MARLENE DIETRICH TAKES HEAVY FALL ON SYDNEY STAGE,
CANCELS REMAINING APPEARANCES (NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. JAPAN

TO CSM, EXCHANGE OF FORD/HIROHITO VISITS REAFFIRMS
IN UNMISTAKABLE TERMS THAT US AND JAPAN RECOGNIZE
SHARED GOODWILL, COMMUNITY OF INTEREST, FAR OVERSHADOWING
DISPUTES OVER FISHING, TEXTILES, TARIFFS, OR "NIXON
SHOCKS.' DESPITE CONTINUED ECON PROBLEMS, BOTH NATIONS
APPEAR TO HAVE REACHED COMPARATIVELY STABLE PLATEAU
FOR FURUTE PROGRESS--AND FRUITFUL VISIT BY EMPEROR.

WP'S SAAR, IN TOKYO, SAYS EMPEROR HIROHITO'S LONG-
AWAITED AUDIENCE MONDAY WITH US AND FOREIGN NEWSMEN
WOUND UP AS PECULIAR AND DISCORDANT AFFAIR. INTERVIEW
HEDGED WITH RESTRICTIONS, EMPEROR'S RESPONSES BRIEF,
OFTEN NON-COMMITAL; WORST OF ALL, FOR 29 OF JOURNALISTS,
WHOLE EVENT WAS WORLD SCOOP FOR 30TH, NEWSWEEK'S KRISHER,
WHO HAD SECRETLY INTERVIEWED HIROHITO FEW DAYS BEFORE.
DURING GENERAL NEWS SESSION, PALACE OFFICIALS FORBADE
FILMING OR RECORDING; REPORTERS' QUESTIONS WERE TOPICS
FOR EMPEROR'S CONVERSATION, RATHER THAN INQUIRIES;
FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS ALLOWED FOR CLARIFICATION PURPOSES
ONLY; EMPEROR COULD NOT BE QUOTED FROM HIS JAPANESE
REPLIES OR ENGLISH TRANSLATION BY HIS INTERPRETER,
BUT ONLY FROM SUBSEQUENT TRANSCRIPT.

IN SECOND ARTICLE, SAAR SEES HIROHITO'S STATE VISIT
TO US SETTING "FINALSEAL" ON RESTORATION US-JAPAN
FRIENDSHIP/PARTNERSHIP; FOR JAPANESE, NO HIGHER
TRIBUTE TO US THAN EMPEROR'S DISPATCH AS EMISSARY--
TRIP IS NATIONAL ADVENTURE WITH HIGH LEVEL OF PUBLIC
INTEREST, WITH ACCOMPANYING GROUP 100 REPORTERS RELAYING
ACTIVITIES IN MINUTE DETAIL. TOP-LEVEL JAPANESE
BUREAUCRATS AT FORMINISTRY, IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD AGENCY,
ARE ON TENTERHOOKS OVER TRIP. THEY PLACE ENORMOUS
IMPORTANCE ON ITS SUCCESS AND ROYAL COUPLE'S SAFE
RETURN. VIEWED FROM TOKYO, EMPEROR'S ODYSSEY ACROSS
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US IS MIND-BOGGLING PROSPECT.

LAT'S JAMESON, IN TOKYO (9/29), SEES HIROHITO'S US VISIT
SYMBOLIZING TO JAPAN THAT HISTORY IS COMING FULL CYCLE;
TO JAPANESE, IT SYMBOLIZES IMPORTANCE AND HIGH ESTEEN

WITH WHICH JAPAN REGARDS US. THAT IMPERIAL COUPLE WOULD MAKE TRIP AT THEIR ADVANCED AGES, COMBINED WITH DANGER OF SOME TERRORIST ACT, MAKES SYMBOLIC GESTURE ALL THE MORE MEANINGFUL. TRIP ALSO GAMBLE IN WHICH US HAS BECOME FULLY INVOLVED, ASSUMING FULL BURDEN/RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY. US REFUSED GIVE

JAPANESE SECURITY AGENTS PRIMARY ROLE FOR IMPERIAL COUPLE'S VISIT, ONLY SEVEN JAPAN NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY OFFICIALS, NONE BODYGUARD, ACCOMPANYING IMPERIAL COUPLE. NORMALLY PUBLICITY-SHY JAPANESE OFFICIALS HAVE PULLED OUT ALL PLUGS IN ATTEMPT ATTRACT FAVORABLE US ATTENTION; JAL INVITED PRESS INSPECT IMPERIAL AIRCRAFT; ELABORATE PHOTO, NEVER RELEASED TO JAPANESE MASS MEDIA, DISTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN NEWSMEN. EVEN EMPEROR'S US ITINERARY UNPRECEDENTED; IN TRIP'S POTENTIAL FOR ATTRACTING US ATTENTION TO JAPAN, SPREADING IN JAPAN KNOWLEDGE OF US, "THERE REALLY HAS BEEN NOTHING LIKE IT BEFORE."

NYT'S HALLORAN, IN TOKYO SUGGESTS UNSPOKEN BUT EVIDENT OBJECTIVE OF HIROHITO'S VISIT IS TO CLOSE "LAST DOOR" ON WWII. NOT CLEAR JUST HOW EMPEROR WILL ADDRESS HIMSELF TO WAR ISSUE, HAVING DECLINED ANSWER INQUIRY ABOUT IT AT TOKYO NEWS CONFERENCE.

SAN DIEGO UNION (9/14) AGREES WITH SCHLESINGER'S RECENT ADVICE TO TOKYO THAT JAPAN HAS BEEN TOO MUCH PASSIVE PARTNER IN MUTUAL SECURITY ALLIANCE WITH US. WHILE GOJ HAS ECON PROBLEMS MAKING THIS DIFFICULT TIME TO CONSIDER GREATER DEFENSE INVESTMENTS, NO EXCUSE FOR TOKYO DODGING RESPONSIBILITIES THAT GO WITH PRESENT JAPANESE ECONOMIC/POLITICAL MATURITY.

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WP'S GREENWAY AT HK REPORTS MEANING OF "WATER MARGIN" CRITICISM CAMPAIGN BAFFLES CHINA-WATCHERS. AT LEAST MAY BE GOOD WAY FOR MAO INVOLVE PEOPLE IN POLITICS. SOME THOUGHT CAMPAIGN NEW ATTACK BY "LEFTISTS" ON MODERATES; BUT PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL MAKES APPEAR CRITICISM COMES FROM CENTER, IS NOT ATTEMPT DIVIDE LEADERSHIP. NEW CAMPAIGN VILIFIES LIU SHAO-CHI, LIN PIAO, MAY YET FOCUS ON LIVE TARGETS. NOTES ANALYSTS LEAN TO THEORY CAMPAIGN INVOLVED WITH LEADERSHIP'S FEARS OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN MAO, CHOU DEAD; LEADERS WORRIED ABOUT REACHING GOAL OF MAKING PRC MAJOR INDUSTRIAL POWER BY CENTURY'S END WITHOUT LOSING IDEOLOGICAL PURITY. CONCLUDES IF DRIVE CAN BE KEPT TO TRIED-AND-TRUE PATH OF GUARDING AGAINST REVISIONISM,

NOT LIKELY LEAD TO DISRUPTIONS.

LEADER (LAT 9/28) SAYS PRC SINCE 1969 HAS SEEN MAIN DANGER AS USSR, USES LIMITED MIL, DIPLOMACY TO COUNTER

SOVIET. CHINESE SEE SELVES AS "THIRD WORLD" DEVELOPING COUNTRY, NOT SUPERPOWER. BELIEVES PRC MIL POTENTIAL LIMITED TO DEFENSIVE ROLE VS USSR, SO PEKING PLAYS OFF "BARBARIANS" OF EUR, US, JAPAN TO KEEP SOVIET AT BAY. PRC URGES US, NATO KEEP DEFENSES UP TO KEEP USSR FORCES IN EUR, OUT OF FE; IN ASIA, PEKING IMPROVES RELS WITH TOKYO, EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER GROWTH SOVIET INFLUENCE. PRC SEES US AS KEY TO BALANCING RUSSIANS IN BOTH EUR, ASIA. LEADER POINTS OUT IMPORTANT LESSON IN CHINESE APPROACH TO IMPROVING SECURITY -- GIVE CENTRAL ROLE TO DIPLOMACY, POLITICS IN CONTRAST TO US RELIANCE ON MIL FORCE.

ANTHROPOLOGIST W.W. HOWELLS WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM PRC TRIP SEES CHINESE FREE IN MANY NEW WAYS, BUT NOT LIKE OURSELVES. NOTES GPCR BROUGHT MARKED DEGREE THOUGHT CONFORMITY, CONTROL, PURITANICAL VALUES. BELIEVES ANDREW MARCH IN 9/2 NYT ARTICLE ON PRC ACCOMPLISHMENTS SHOULD HAVE MADE POINT THAT GPCR PRODUCED INTERNALIZED DISCIPLINE IN EVERY PERSON THAT SEEMS MAKE WHOLE THING WORK, WITH MAO'S FORCE, DECISIONS INDUCING SEEMING COMPULSIVE ADHERENCE TO NEW IDEALS. UNCLASSIFIED

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ILLUSTRATES POINT WITH EXAMPLE POPULATION CONTROL PRESSURES, METHODS.

13. INDOCHINA

STLP-D (9/3) LOOKS BACK AT BLOODBATH THEORY, NOTES NO EVIDENCE FOLLOWING PRG TAKEOVER. SAYS APOLOGISTS FOR DISCREDITED INDOCHINA POLICY STATE: TOO EARLY, COMMUNISTS NOW MORE SOPHISTICATED IN SUPPRESSION METHODS, IT DID HAPPEN IN CAMBODIA. CONSIDERS ARGUMENTS NOT PROOFS TO CONTINUE BELIEF IN BLOODBATH THEORY. WARNS PUBLIC BE MORE CAREFUL THEORIES ADVANCED AS FACTS, SINCE BLOODBATH RHETORIC DELAYED WITHDRAWAL US TROOPS, CONTRIBUTED TO FLIGHT OF MANY VIETS NOW RECONSIDERING DECISION LIVE IN EXILE. INGERSOLL

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